

Amendments to the Drawings

The drawing figures have been amended by replacing Fig. 4 with a Replacement drawing sheet having Figs. 3-4. Fig 4 has been amended to include the addition of a reference numeral 27.

REMARKS

This Reply and Amendment is intended to be completely responsive to this non-final Office Action. Claims 1-33 are pending. Claims 22-25 are allowed. Claims 1, 26-27 and 32 stand rejected and Claims 2-11 and 18-21 have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 12, 22, 26 and 29 have been amended. Claims 27-28 have been cancelled without prejudice. New Claims 34-36 have been added to provide claims of varying scope. Claims 1, 22, 26 and 34 are in independent form.

Allowed/Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 22-25

In Section 9 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner stated that “Claims 22-25 are allowed.” The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowed subject matter. The Applicants have amended Claim 22 as allowed to address an objection raised by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 12-17

In Section 10 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner stated that Claims 12-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to include certain of the subject matter previously recited in allowable dependent Claim 12, in a manner that the Applicants believe overcomes the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1 and 12-17 as amended.

Claims 26-33

In Section 10 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner also stated that Claims 28-31 and 33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicants have amended independent Claim 26 to include the subject matter previously recited in allowable dependent Claim 28, along with intervening dependent Claim 27. Dependent Claims 27-28 have been cancelled without prejudice to future prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 26 and 29-33.

Drawings

In Section 3 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) because they did not include reference numeral 27 mentioned in the specification for a locking device.

The Applicants have amended Figure 4 of the drawings to include reference numeral 27. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

In Section 4 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) because they did not include a windshield and side window as recited in allowed Claims 22-25.

The Applicants have amended independent Claim 22 to remove the windshield and side window features from the claims. The Applicants reserve the right to amend the drawings and/or the claims in future prosecution to positively recite the windshield and side window feature. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Specification

In Section 5 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner objected to incorporation of essential material in the specification by reference to an unpublished U.S. application, foreign application or patent.

The Applicants have amended the specification by replacing paragraph 0001 with a replacement paragraph 0001 that does not incorporate by reference the related applications. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

In Section 7 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,913,277.

Claim 1

The Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to independent Claim 1 to include certain of the subject matter of allowable dependent Claim 12 has overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claim 26

The Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to independent Claim 26 to include the allowable subject matter of previously allowable dependent Claim 28 and intervening dependent Claim 27 has overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and allowance of independent Claims 1 and 26, and dependent Claim 32, as it depends from independent Claim 26 (as amended).

New Claims

New independent Claim 34 and dependent Claims 35 and 36 have been added to provide claims of varying scope. The Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 34-36 recite a combination of subject matter that is patentable in view of the cited references. The Applicants respectfully request allowance of new Claims 34-36.

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The Applicants respectfully submit that each and every outstanding objection and rejection to the specification, drawings and pending claims has been overcome, and that the Application is in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending Claims 1-26 and 29-36.

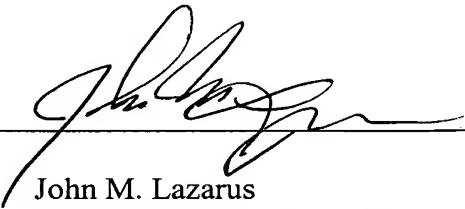
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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